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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

20 October 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM : Julian C. Nall  
National Intelligence Officer for Science & Technology

SUBJECT : STIC-HUMINT Committee Report: The Processing of Overtly  
Collected Scientific and Technical Intelligence Information

1. Action requested: See paragraph 3.
2. Background: The STIC and HUMINT Committee have recently published a report on "The Processing of Overtly Collected Scientific and Technical Intelligence Information" (copy attached). This report was initiated as a logical follow on to an earlier STIC report on the "Overt Collection of S&T Intelligence." In my opinion this recently completed report is a valuable contribution to the Intelligence Community in its critical role of assessing foreign sciences and technologies to prevent technological surprise. I concur in principle with the recommendations.
3. Requested action: Based on the recommendations of the report, I believe that the following actions should take place immediately:
  - a. Your approval of the concept of significantly improving the processing of overtly collected S&T intelligence information for the Intelligence Community. *Yes*
  - b. Your appointment of a senior steering group which in concert with an action group will:
    - 1) Determine the existing facilities, both private and government, which now provide machine or human translation of foreign S&T intelligence. *Yes*
    - 2) Determine the existing automated data bases which contain significant components of foreign S&T information.

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3) Define the scope of activities and prepare a cost estimate for an Intelligence Community organization to begin exploitation and pre-analysis of overt S&T information.

4) Establish a time table for actions.

Members of the senior steering group should be persons such as: Executive Director of CIA, senior official of DoD, Chairman of the HUMINT Committee, Chairman of STIC, and NIO/S&T.

c. Your approval of the appointment of [redacted]  
a consultant to the steering group [redacted]


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as above*

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4. Additional actions based on the report will be recommended to you after the first few meetings of the steering group.

  
Julian C. Nall

Attachment  
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APPROVED:

  
Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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